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Docket No. 34003.20
Customer No. 000027683

1763

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	§	
Ellis, et al.,	§	Group Art Unit: 1763
	§	
Serial No.: 09/884,205	§	Confirmation No.: 3766
	§	
Filed: 06/19/2001	§	Examiner: Olsen, Allan W.
	§	
For: System and Method for Post-	§	
Fabrication Reduction of Minimum	§	
Feature Size Spacing of Microcomponents	§	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement Office
Action dated March 18, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of
this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

I. Election

In the Office Action mailed March 18, 2005, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to two inventions and, thus, required restriction of either claims 1-22 (Group I) or claims 23-37 (Group II). In response, Applicants hereby elect Group II, corresponding to claims 23-37. Applicants' election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the Examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.